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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice my thoughts on the Microsoft antitrust case. It seems amazing to me that the punishment for Microsoft, who has acknowledged monopolizing the marketplace with their operating systems and their browser, is for them to supply schools with grants and more computers with their OS and browsers on them. What has become of the Judicial Branch of the United States !?! How is this compromise acceptable? Why is it the AT&T has to split up based on government and Federal Court rulings, when they as far as the public knows were not as manipulative in their business practices as Microsoft?

As I write this email, I am using Microsoft software-- because it is what Microsoft dictated to Apple that it made the default software. It is good software, but there are several other software vendors that make great email clients that will never be popular because they don't have the muscle of a giant like Microsoft, and can't get a foothold into the market because of that lack of power. I am an avid user of the Apple Macintosh. My entire office uses Apple products. Most of my friends do. We use it because it is a better computer, a better operating system. We use Office for Mac because EVERYONE else uses it-- and we need to share files with our clients. If it were up to me, I would probably still use Word-- although there is scant competition on the Mac platform, because it is a good product. At least I would have made that choice based on myself and not what I was forced into, as we are now. That is the difference.

The Court has a major role to play in its rule in delivering a verdict that is amenable to the American people. We have already been disappointed in the Court's deciding of the Presidential Elections. Bear in mind, that I am neither Liberal nor Conservative, Democrat nor Republican. I am, like many Americans a believer in the "American Way" and always searching for Truth and Justice-- in its purest form.

Microsoft will never change its business practices unless the Government of the United States, in particular the Department of Justice, does something that ensures that the American people have a choice, a real choice. Do what's right, stop the monopoly. Punish them justly and accordingly.

Thank you,

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